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PROCUREMENT OF SWITCHING EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) are reducing the procurement of switching equipment from domestic C-DoT manufacturers and procuring more switching equipment from multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) the details of procurement of switching equipment from domestic C-DoT manufacturers and the multinational companies by DoT and BSNL during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the domestic C-DoT manufacturers to promote the products and also their export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. Procurement from domesic C-DoT manufacturers has not been reduced.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Year-wise details of procurement for the last three years are given below:

Years	Procurement of C-DoT Switching Equipment (Lakh Lines)	Procurement of Switching Equipment from Companies registered to manufacture the equipment in India using multinationals technologies
1998-1999	24.225	11.61
1999-2000	41.77	10.76
2000-2001	46.44	19.90

(d) To promote the products of C-DoT, procurement of exchanges of capacity less than 10,000 lines have been reserved for C-DoT switches. C-DoT designed equipments enjoy the same incentives as provided for the export of other Telecom equipments.